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## Abstract

A discharge lamp, suitable for operation by means of dielectrically impeded discharge, having a discharge vessel with two at least partially parallel vessel walls (2; 7), and at least one spacer (1) made from optically transparent insulating material. The or each spacer (1) is in contact with the two vessel walls (2; 7) via bearing surfaces. The or each spacer has an optically diffuse surface (8) at least in the region of one bearing surface. (Figure 2).

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